

# HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> October 2015

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
J. Catchesides	Chair	Yes
C. Baker	Vice-Chair	Yes
S. Kehr	Parish Councillor	Yes
A.Meldrum	Parish Councillor	No
N. Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
P. Richardson	Parish Councillor	Yes
L. West	Parish Councillor	No
R. Bolton	District Councillor	No
D. Finch	County Councillor	No
T. Evans	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes

Mr. Martin Catchesides attended the meeting as a member of the Superfast Broadband Working Party.

The Chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which commenced at 7:30pm.

### 126/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Meldrum, Cllr. West, Cllr. Bolton

### 127/15 Members' declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

### 128/15 Public forum

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

### 129/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. **Proposed:** Cllr. Baker **Seconded:** Cllr. Kehr **Unanimously agreed.** The minutes were signed by the Chair.

### 130/15 Review of Council's Risk Register

The Council **Agreed** that a working party, comprising Cllr. Catchesides, Cllr. Baker and Cllr. Kehr, would review the Council's risk register and recommend any changes to the Council.

### **131/15 Nosterfield End wind turbine**

Cllr. Catchesides reported that the Planning Inspector had dismissed the Appeal against St. Edmundsbury Borough Council's refusal to grant planning permission.

### **132/15 Provision of broadband service to the Council**

The Agreement with Buzcom had included a free superfast broadband installation for the Council as well as the Church.

The Council **agreed** that the installation should be such that the Wi-Fi coverage should be in the Village Hall and Committee Room, and should also include the shelter in the Children's Play Area if possible. Coverage should not extend beyond the Village Hall frontage.

**Action:** Mr. Catchesides to arrange installation with Buzcom.

### **133/15 Steeple Bumpstead Surgery**

Cllr. Baker reported that he had experienced problems with the level of service provided by Steeple Bumpstead Surgery. He had had problems with the pharmacy opening times and noted that the surgery was closed during lunchtimes. He had also noted that the availability of professional staff during surgery opening hours was limited. Cllr. Kehr had not experienced any problems when attending the surgery.

**Action:** Cllr. Baker to canvas residents' opinions of service provided by the surgery in the next edition of the Village Magazine.

### **134/15 Three Horseshoes Pub**

Cllr. Catchesides had sent an email to the Braintree District Council Planning Officer to remind her of her promise to take enforcement action. Cllr. Catchesides was awaiting a reply.

Cllr. Richardson reported that Cllr. Bolton had informed him of the Planning Inspector's intention to view the pub.

### **135/15 Repairs to the Children's Playground**

Cllr. Kehr reported that a local contractor had provided an estimate for carrying out the repairs but this seemed very high.

**Action:** Cllr. Kehr to obtain competitive estimates.

### **136/15 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land**

Cllr. Richardson reported that the Council's legal adviser required further evidence of ownership of the land. This would consist of statements from local people who would swear that in the past the access land had been used as common land.

**Action:** Cllr. Catchesides to provide names of local people to be contacted by the legal adviser.

### **137/15 Footpath Diversion Scheme across Paddock View and Essex County Council's responses.**

A letter of complaint had been sent to Cllr. Finch concerning the behaviour of Essex County Council Public Rights of Way Officers.

Cllr. Nicholson said that he would start to construct a personal response to the Planning Inspector in time for the Appeal.

### **138/15 District Councillor's report**

There was no report in Cllr. Bolton's absence.

### **139/15 Clerk's report**

The Clerk had sent a letter to police Chief Inspector Molton to complain about speeding vehicles in the village and the lack of support in training new Community Speedwatch volunteers. C.I. Molton had passed the letter to another department who advised that limited time and resources meant that support for training could not be provided this year.

### **140/15 Finance Report and Approval of Payments**

The Village Magazine printer had informed the Clerk that the latest payment cheque issued by the Council had been stopped and returned. However, the Council's bank advised that the cheque had not been presented. The Clerk had asked the printer to return the cheque before further action would be taken.

The external auditor's report had been received with one very minor error noted.

The Clerk reported that one of the Council' contractors had been underpaid by £25 during September and this would be made up during this month's payment.

The Churchyard mowing budget had now been overspent. This overspend would be recovered from the Parochial Church Council as previously agreed.

The new cheque signatories were now in place.

Copies of the Financial Report, bank statement and list of payments were distributed to Members prior to the meeting.

A further Direct Debit payment had been made to the laptop PC rental company after the rental agreement had expired.

**Action:** Cllr. Baker to request the payment amount to be returned.

#### **PAYMENTS**

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101492	12 October 2015	Clerk's Salary	£337.72
101493	12 October 2015	Clerk's PAYE	£18.00
101483	12 October 2015	Grass Cutting	£155.00
D/D	D/D	Street Lighting	£31.75

**The Council unanimously approved these payments.**

### **141/15 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda**

Cllr. Catchesides informed Members that there was now a link to Members' Registers of Interests on the Council's website.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Baker for setting up a Facebook page for the Council.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs Jane Catchesides**  
**Chair**

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